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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7935

BILL NUMBER: SB 515

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Court-Appointed Special Advocates.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Broden

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill adds court-appointed special advocates (CASA) to the list of individuals who may: (1) petition a court to order a custodian to obtain counseling for a child; (2) petition a juvenile court to modify a dispositional decree; and (3) receive a notice of an initial hearing concerning a child in need of services (CHINS) petition. The bill permits the county Office of Family and Children to request that a juvenile court appoint a CASA for a child. It provides that a court may make certain CHINS reports available to a CASA.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill allows a court-appointed special advocate to petition the court to: (1) order a custodian to obtain counseling for a child, (2) modify a dispositional decree, and (3) receive a notice of an initial hearing concerning a CHINS petition. This would likely result in additional court time, however, any increase is minimal.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Courts.

Information Sources:

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